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2. x Specification (incl. Claims and Abstract) [Total Pages 16]

3. x Drawings (informal x formal) [Total Sheets 2]

4. x Oath or Declaration

 a. x Newly-executed

 b. Copy from a prior application (37 C.F.R. § 1.63(d))

5. Incorporation By Reference: The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under Item 4b, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

6. This application is filed by fewer than all the inventors named in the prior application, 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d)(4).

 a. *DELETE* the following inventor(s) named in the prior nonprovisional application:

 b. The inventor(s) to be deleted are set forth on a separate sheet attached hereto.

I hereby certify that this UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL and the documents referred to as attached therein are being deposited on the below date with the United States Postal Service in an envelope as "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" addressed to: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Box Patent Application, Washington, D.C. 20231.

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7. Preliminary Amendment:

- a. ☐ A Preliminary Amendment is attached.
- b. ☐ Cancel in this application original claims _____ of the prior application before calculating the filing fee.
- c. ☐ Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:
 "This is a
 ☐ continuation
 ☐ divisional
 of copending application(s)
 Serial number ☐ / ☐ filed on ☐.
- d. ☐ A Petition to Suspend Prosecution For The Time Necessary to File An Amendment (New Application Filed Concurrently) is attached.

8. Fee Calculation:

FOR	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE	CALCULATIONS
TOTAL CLAIMS (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(c))	12 -20 =	0	X 22.00	0
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(b))	2 -3 =	0	X 82.00	0
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS (if applicable) (37 C.F.R. §1.16(d))			270.00	
			BASIC FEE (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(a))	790.00
Total of above Calculations =				790.00
Reduction by 50% for filing by small entity (Note 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.9, 1.27, 1.28)				
Assignment Recordal Fee			40.00	0
TOTAL =				790.00

9. ☒ Please charge Deposit Account No. 06-1510 in the amount of \$790.00.
 A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
10. ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit overpayment or charge the following fees (or any deficiency therein) to Deposit Account 06-1510 or Deposit Account 06-1500:
- a. ☒ Fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16.
- b. ☒ Fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

11. Maintenance of Copendency of Prior Application

☐ A request for extension of time and the appropriate fee have been filed in the pending prior application (or are being filed in the prior application concurrently herewith) to extend the period for response until _____.

12. ☒ An Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) is attached, along with the following indicated attachments thereto:

a. ☒ Form PTO SB08A (1 sheet)

b. ☒ Copies of references cited

13. ☐ Certified copy of priority document(s)

14. ☒ Return Receipt Postcards

15. ☐ Other: _____

16. ☐ An Assignment of the invention to _____

a. ☐ is attached.

b. ☐ was recorded on _____ at Reel _____, Frame _____.

17. The power of attorney in the prior application is to:

Name of Attorney of Record Reg. No.

☐ The power appears in the original papers in the prior application.

☐ The power does not appear in the original papers, but was filed on _____.

☒ A new power has been executed and is attached.

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☐ Filed under Rule 34(a)